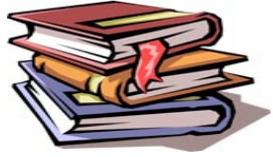




Reminders And Information February 2011

KNOW YOUR CITY CODE



We are using this section of our newsletter to familiarize residents with content found in the official City Code book. We will periodically print selected sections. See back for additional City Code. For a full version of the City's Code, please visit

www.mountainpark-ga.gov.

Sec. 42-47. Fishing.

No person may fish in either of the lakes without a city-issued permit and state fishing license. No person shall place in the lakes a trot line, seine, net, electrical device, dynamite or other substance or device declared to be illegal by the state game and fish division.

(Code 1982, § 4-3-7; Ord. No. 185-A-96, § 2, 6-17-1996)

Sec. 42-48. Hunting.

No person shall hunt on or from the waters of any lake in this city and the lakes of this city are hereby designated as a refuge for waterfowl of every kind and description.

(Code 1982, § 4-3-8)

I hope you all fared well during our recent Winter Storm. The Council and Public Safety Department are developing a plan that will better prepare us in the future. Please read in this newsletter ways that we can personally prepare for the next storm.

We are energized about 2011 and the possibilities that await us. We appreciate your taking the time to fill out the survey for the Comprehensive Plan. Please join us at the public meeting at 9 am, Saturday February 12, 2011 at the Community Building to discuss the results of this survey and to allow input from all citizens regarding the City's future and its Comprehensive Plan. A Comprehensive Plan will be drafted and a second meeting will follow to review the draft Comprehensive plan.

Sincerely,
Jim Still, Jr.

Holiday Closings Before the Next Newsletter –
City Hall will be closed Monday, February 21, 2011.

City Hall Hours

City Hall is open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p. m. except on Wednesday. Wednesday hours are from 9:00 until noon. We appreciate your respecting these hours.

SIREN TEST –

There is a Siren Test the first Wednesday of every month at 12:00 noon. We are served by Cherokee and Fulton Counties , so you may hear 2 sirens.

UTILITY RATE INCREASE

Due to an increase in wholesale rates, on December 20, 2010, the Council approved a rate increase of .25 per 1, 000 gallons. New rates are as follows and are reflected in your bill due March 1, 2011.

WATER, SEWER & SANITATION

Water and sewer are billed based on consumption in gallons. Rates are listed below:

Water

Number of Gallons of Water Used per Month Rate

0-2500 \$12.40

2500-4500 \$22.00

4500-8500 \$9.20 per 1,000 gallons

Greater than 8500 \$16.20 per 1,000 gallons

Sewer

Number of Gallons of Sewer Used per Month Rate

0-4000 \$27.75

Greater than 4000 \$12.25 per 1,000 gallons

CIVIC CLUB

Don't forget the Civic Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Community Building. February meeting will include the proposed calendar for the year. Please join us and bring your ideas!! Civic Club dues are \$2 and can be paid at the meeting or dropped off in the box at City Hall. Everyone is Welcome!

American Alpine Kids Adventure Race for the Environment

Save the date, May 1, 2011 for a kid's triathlon! Get ready to mountain bike, run and conquer the obstacle course. More information to come for this USAT sanctioned event. Our goal is to provide a safe, fun event with proceeds benefiting the City of Mountain Park.

Winter Storm Preparation Tips

1. Check your local weather for updates on the storm's expected time of arrival.
2. Check your supply of food and necessities (bread, bottled water, toilet paper). If you do not have a three day supply, plan a trip to the store.
3. Locate and test your flashlights to make sure they are in working order.
4. Locate matches, candles, extra batteries, oil lamps or battery-operated lanterns.
5. Locate your supply of salt or ice-melt. Place it next to your front door.
6. Charge your cell phones for maximum battery charge in case of a power outage.
7. Gather extra blankets, gloves, mittens, winter hats and scarves. Put them where they can easily be reached in case of an emergency.
8. Check your back up heat source and put it in a convenient place. (Kerosene heater, firewood, matches.) Make sure you have enough fuel.

If you are able to safely clear your driveway, area in front of your property, please do so as soon as possible. The City of Mountain Park will clear main roads as soon as possible. The severity of the road conditions may make it impossible to clear smaller streets. Please check for updates on the City website.

MOUNTAIN PARK ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT – There is still time to get reimbursement for improving your home's energy efficiency. Up to 50% of the cost may be reimbursed with a maximum reimbursement of \$3,000 per home. There are also many incentives from contractors and financing available from Cobb EMC. This is a great time to invest in the energy efficiency of your home and start saving energy and money! Stop by City Hall to fill out the Prequalification form and get details of how to proceed.

"This project, program or service is funded in whole or in part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, in cooperation with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority"

YOUR DITCHES ... OUR STORM WATER SYSTEM

The roads and streets of Mountain Park are lined by ditches which together form an extensive storm water system serving the entire city. Please do your part and help us maintain the City's ditches and keep them free flowing.

1. Include the ditches in the front of your house in your yard maintenance schedule. Keep them open to allow the free flow of water.
2. Keep all vegetation trimmed and pruned. This will help with drainage as well as keeping vegetation out of the City right of way.
3. **Please do not rake leaves into the ditches.** Compost your leaves in the back yard or use them as natural ground cover around your shrubs. Its Mother Nature's way of helping your plants fight the drought. (Call City Hall or John McLaughlin if you need help setting up a composting program in your yard) If composting is not an option you can bag them and bring them to the dumpster by the pool the first Saturday of each month.
4. Keep your driveway culverts open and free flowing. Remove loose leaves from the ditch around your culvert openings. Fall and winter rain storms wash the leaves to the culvert opening and can block the free flow of water.
5. If your storm drains, culverts, or ditches are blocked please call City Hall for assistance in clearing them. 770-993-4231